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TITLE	Portrait of Promise: Preventing Shaken Baby Syndrome. [Videotape.]
INSTITUTION	Children's Health Care, St. Paul, MN. Midwest Children's Resource Center.; Junior League of St. Paul, MN.
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NOTE	Videotape approved by American Academy of Pediatrics.
AVAILABLE FROM	American Academy of Pediatrics, 141 Northwest Point Blvd., Elk Grove Village, IL 60007-1098; phone: 800-433-9016; fax: 847-288-1281 (Videotape, $14.95; Set with videotape and 100 fact sheets, $24.95; fact sheets, $17.50 for non-members, $12.50 for members).
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ABSTRACT

Shaken baby syndrome describes the serious injuries that can occur when a very young child is severely or violently shaken, causing the brain to move back and forth inside the skull. The syndrome usually originates when a parent or other caregiver shakes a baby out of anger or frustration, often because the baby would not stop crying or misbehaves. Emphasizing that it is never all right to shake a baby, this 11-minute videotape draws on the experiences of three families with a child injured or killed from violent shaking to describe the nature of injuries resulting from shaking. These include blindness or eye damage, spinal cord injuries, brain damage, and death. The tape also offers suggestions adults can use to calm down when dealing with a frustrating infant or toddler, such as counting to ten, taking time out and allowing the child to cry alone, and asking for emotional support or assistance to determine a health reason for the child's crying. (HTH)

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